

HONORING THE LIFE OF

*Elder Clifton
Shaw III*

MARCH 17, 1982 - MARCH 19, 2023



Celebration of Life Service

Master of Ceremony.....	Pastor John Johnson
Prayer.....	Minister Tyrone Weaver
Scripture Reading.....	Pastor Matt Jackson
Old Testament: Psalm 23	New Testament: John 11:25
Song Selection.....	Sunday Morning Singers
Clergy & Sonship School of the Firstborn.....	Apostle McDonald Jaa, Dr. Pool
Acknowledgments & Reflection Reading.....	Anthony and Trevetta Bennett
Military Family & Friends.....	Sonny Baltin, Brandie Hardesty
Extended Family.....	Mervin Brookins III, Phillis Soresi-Tam
Siblings.....	Yolanda Jackson, Katie Burns
Musical Selection.....	Jimmy Sims
Wife.....	Ranae Shaw and video presentation
Solo.....	Lady Dinnie Meeks
Introduction of Bishop J.W. Macklin 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop COGIC	
Intl. Prelate NorCal Jurisdiction / Eulogy.....	Superintendent Larry G. Meeks
Military Honors.....	U.S. Army Honor Guard
Recessional	Sunday Morning Singers

Reflecting the life of Elder Clifton Shaw III

Clifton Shaw III was born to parents Clifton Shaw Jr. and Johnada Shaw on March 17, 1982, in Sacramento, CA. He was the youngest child of eight siblings. Cliff was born into a strong family of believers who loved Jesus. This foundation led him to accept the Lord Jesus Christ into his life at age 5. He was baptized at age 7 and attended Christian school as a young child. Most of his childhood memories were times spent at Gospel Center Church of God in Christ (COGIC) where he and his family would attend weekend and midweek services. Outside of church, Cliff enjoyed spending his childhood summers with his beloved late great-uncle Alonzo in Richmond, CA. He enjoyed his uncle's delicious homemade treats, helping him with home projects, and running errands. After school and on weekends, Cliff would be found working with his dad pushing a lawnmower, or endlessly raking leaves. As a child, Cliff was an easygoing, quiet yet adventurous, boy. He embodied a fun-loving spirit who stayed out of trouble with his honesty and repentant nature.

Cliff attended Foothill high school as a freshman where he played football falling in love with the sport. He later transferred to John F. Kennedy High School and joined Marine Corps Junior ROTC where he was a part of the men's drill team with arms and held a senior position exemplifying his leadership qualities to fellow cadets. During his senior year at Kennedy, he realized he befriended the love of his life, Ranae. They began a courtship that lasted well into their days before joining the military and thereafter.

After graduating high school, Cliff joined the U.S. Army on November 14, 2000. He completed Advanced Individual Training as a Combat Medic; he was trained to serve as a first responder and administer emergency medical care in the combat field and in humanitarian situations. He then preceded to graduate from Airborne School where he became one of the few elite soldiers to earn his parachutist badge with pride and honor by setting a high standard of discipline, determination, and courage. He served in the 82nd Airborne Unit at Fort Bragg, NC, and deployed to the Middle East with his unit after the nation's tragedy on September 11, 2001.

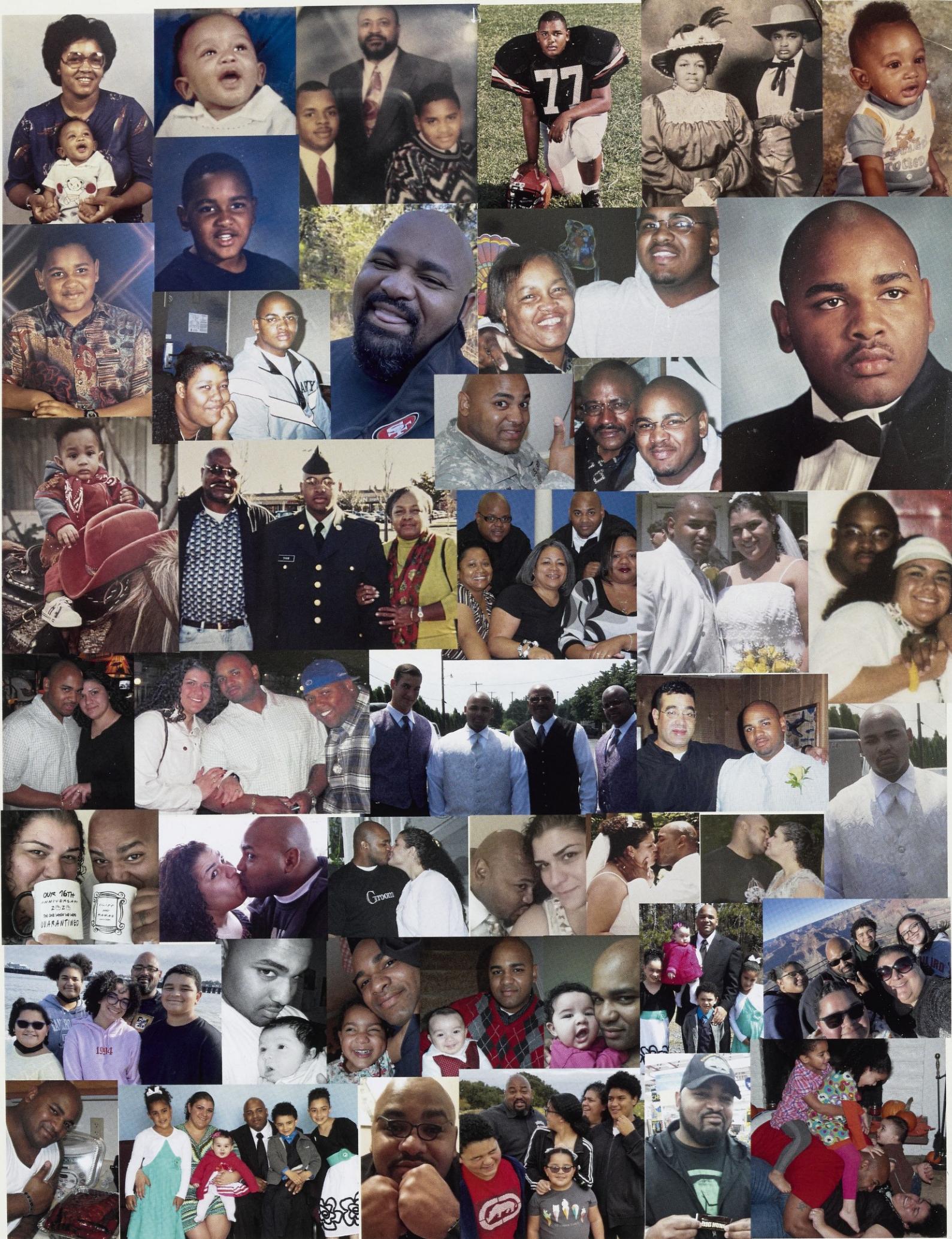
Upon returning from deployment, Cliff and Ranae were married on July 31, 2004, in a quaint backyard setting in Waveland, IN. Ten months later they became parents and welcomed their honeymoon baby Savanna, in May 2005. Cliff shifted his Army career and attended Ophthalmology Tech school. This change of duty led him and his newly growing family on the military life of rotations with assignments to Tripler, HI, where their daughter Sierra was born in October 2006; Fort Belvoir, VA, where their son Elijah was born in October 2009; and finally their last duty station at Fort Drum, NY, where Sophia was born in October 2013. Clifton's military service ended honorably with a return home to Sacramento, CA, with his wife and their four children in 2015. As Cliff's time in the service ended, his service to others did not.

He began working for the Department of Veteran Affairs at the Eye Clinic in Mather, CA, as a supervisory lead technician at Mather as well as other surrounding NorCal clinics. He always treated each patient and employee with respect, patience, and dignity lending a helpful hand where needed. He loved working for and serving our Veterans.

Cliff graduated from Purdue University in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in health science. At the time of his passing, he was actively pursuing his master's degree in Healthcare Administration. Cliff recognized and accepted that God called him to ministry and therefore served at various churches throughout his military career. Once returning home, he served as a minister under his father, Pastor Clifton Shaw Jr., at Judah God's House of Praise Ministries in Sacramento, CA. In 2021, Cliff was ordained as an Elder under Bishop J.W. Macklin, NorCal Jurisdiction, COGIC. In 2022, he graduated from Sonship School of the Firstborn under Apostle McDonald Jaa.

Above all his accomplishments and skills, he was most proud to be a God-fearing husband and father. He loved his wife and children and the life they built together. He and his family enjoyed traveling, singing, camping, and fishing. He loved going to the movies, playing video games, shooting, cooking, and spending countless hours in the garage. He would easily tell you that his favorite way to relax was to be snuggled up on the couch with his wife and kids watching football, a survival of the fittest show, or a movie. Clifton's acts of service were endless. He was always a humble servant, taking no credit for himself and always giving all honor to God. He was a peaceful man, nonconfrontational, and addressed everything with grace and love. He was a loving husband and father who left a solid foundation of who he was and what he believed. Cliff will be remembered as a man of service - he served his country with honor, his job with commitment, his family with love, and most importantly, he served his God with loyalty from a selfless humble heart.

Deeply Missed, Forever Loved, Remembered Always

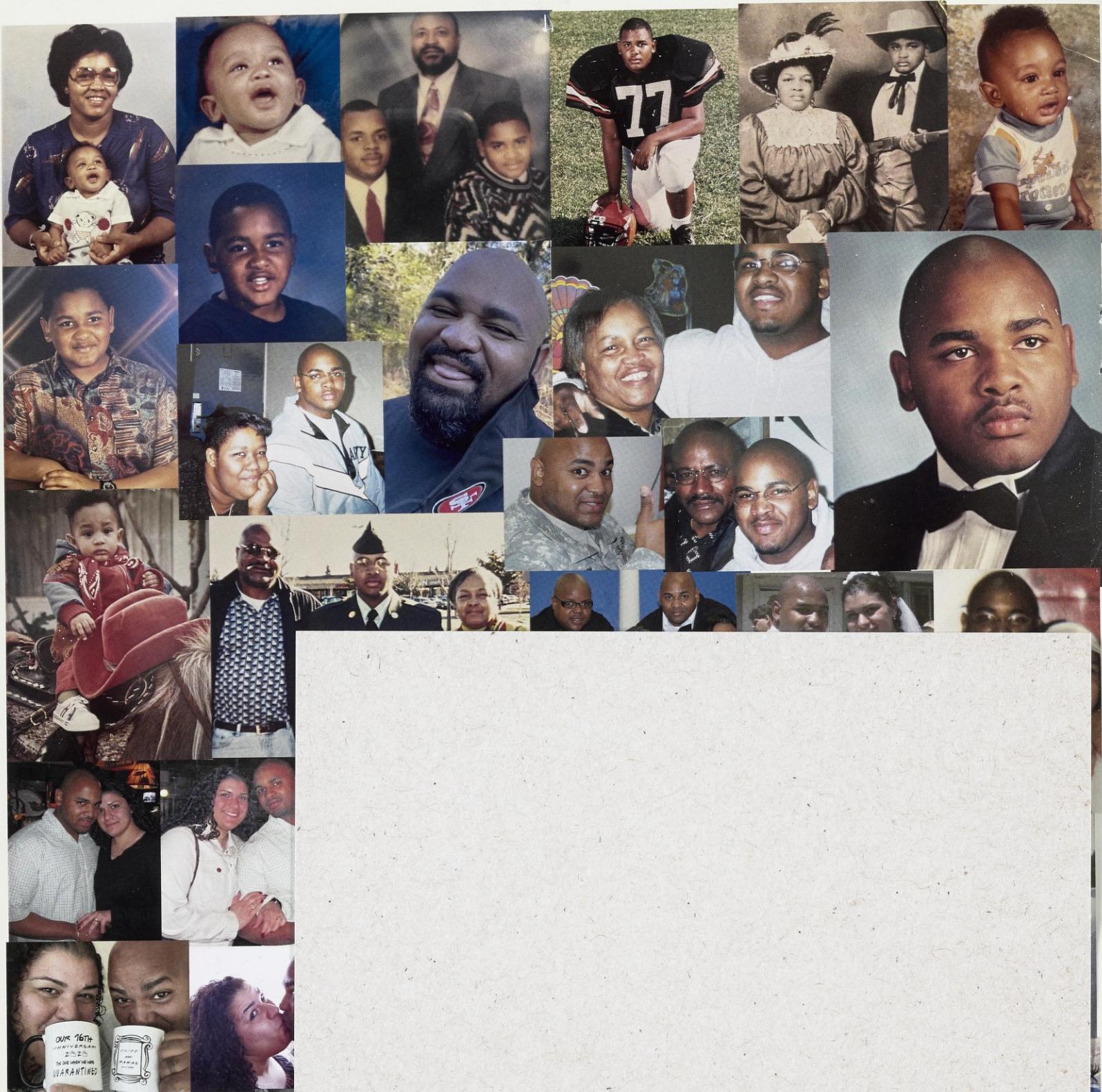




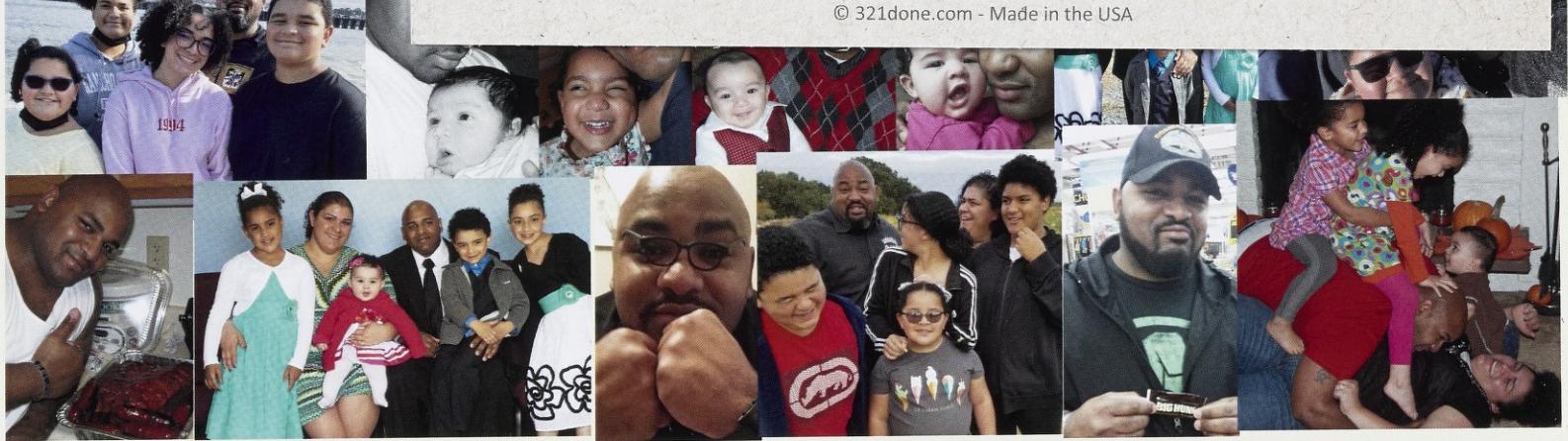
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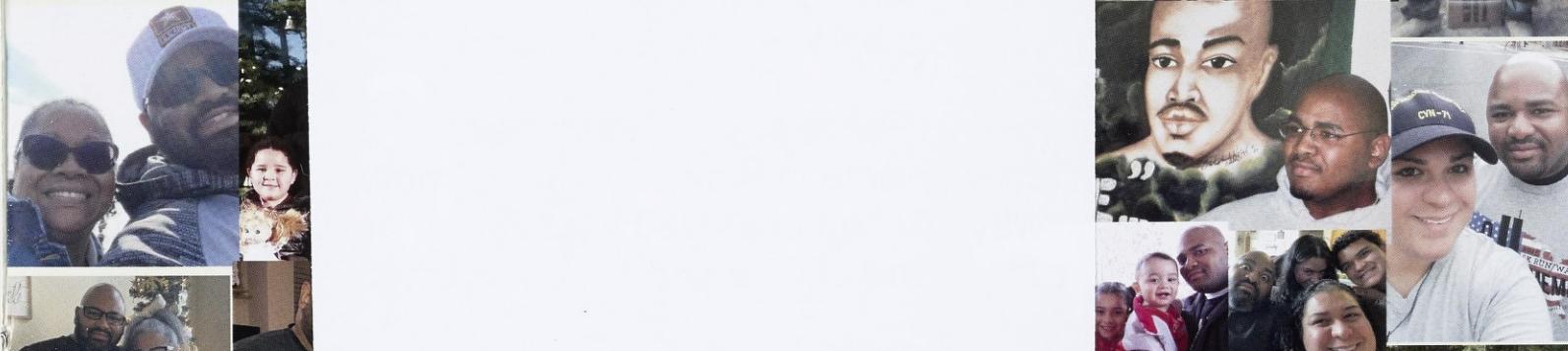
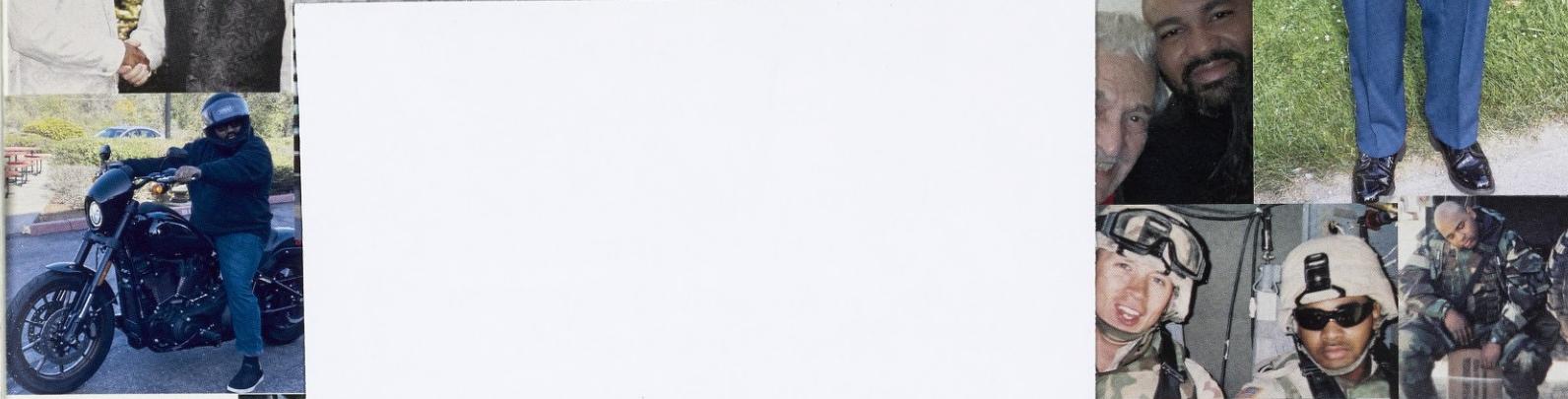
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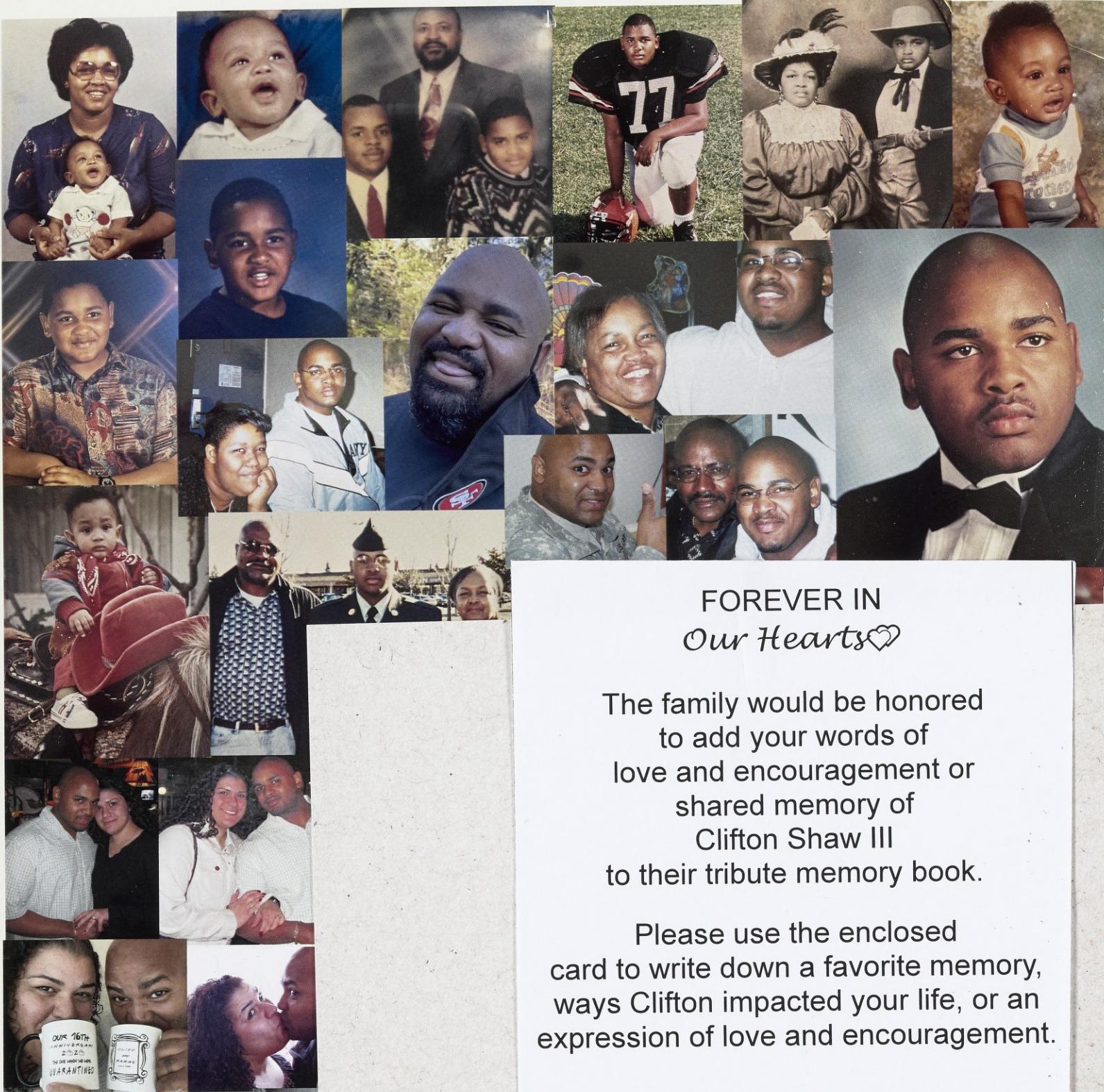




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The family would be honored
to add your words of
love and encouragement or
shared memory of
Clifton Shaw III
to their tribute memory book.

Please use the enclosed
card to write down a favorite memory,
ways Clifton impacted your life, or an
expression of love and encouragement.

Please leave the completed card on your seat
to be collected after the service.
Thank you.



Proceeded in death by:

Valaree Shaw (sister) & Naomi Burns (neice)

He leaves to cherish his memory to:

His wife of 19 years, Ranae Shaw, his 4 children Savanna Shaw, Sierra Shaw, Elijah Shaw, and Sophia Shaw. His father Clifton Shaw Jr. (Jean), mother Johnada Shaw. Siblings, Yolanda (Matt), Yvette, Yvonne, Katrina (Donnie), Justin (Lisa), Christopher, Rebecka (Sam), Katie (Nolan), Keymia and Nima. In laws, Phillis, Reza (Shahnaz) and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, & friends.



Service & Repast

All Nations COGIC

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Repast to follow in the Fellowship Hall



Acknowledgments

The family of Elder Clifton Shaw III wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, and many other acts of kindness shown during this time of grief. Your support has given us strength and comfort during this time of sorrow. Thank you for taking time to attend today to honor a loving man. May God ever bless each of you.

~ The Shaw Family